formerly Associate Professor of Medicine, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi has been promoted as Professor of Medicine.

(b) No vigilance proceedings were pending or contemplated against the officers promoted as Professor of Medicine.

(c) Question does not arise.

Increase of sub-standard drugs in the market

2965. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 943 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th November, 1986 and State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of sub-standard medicines being marketed has increased; and

(b) if so, the number of samples tested during 1984-85 and 1985-86 and how many were found of sub-standard quality alongwith the name of laboratory and sample tested by each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The latest information available with this Ministry relates to the year 1983-84. During the year 1983-84, out of 16,768 samples tested, 2,535 samples were reported to be not of standard quality. The collection and evaluation of data for the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 is continging.

Test of drugs in laboratories

2966. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 943 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th November, 1986 and State:

(a) names of the laboratories where the samples were tested alongwith the number of samples tested in each laboratory;

(b) whether these are Government or private laboratories;

(c) is it a fact that number of marketing of sub-standards are increasing every-year;

(d) how many samples were tested during 1984-85 and 1985-86 and how many were found sub-standard;

(e) whether any penal action was taken against any drug company during the last three years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the Rules, Drugs Inspectors draw the samples of Drugs and send the same to the Government laboratories of their respective States and Central Government laboratories viz. Central Drugs laboratory, Calcutta, Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad and Central Research Institute, Kasnauli.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The latest information available with this Ministry relates to the year 1983-84, during the year 1983-84, out of 16,768 samples tested, 2,535 samples were reported to be not of standard quality. The collection and evaluation of data for the year 1984-85 and 1985-86 continuing.

(e) and (f) A statement showing the prosecutions launched during the period 1981-84 is attached.